



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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RE: MUR 5026
Tom Blakely

Dear Mr. Ginsberg:

This is in response to a letter signed by your client, Tom Blakely, dated March 8, 2004, which we received on that same date, requesting an extension of time to respond to the reason to believe findings in the above-referenced matter. After considering the circumstances presented in Mr. Blakely's letter, the Office of the General Counsel has granted a nineteen (19) day extension. Accordingly, your client's response is due by the close of business on March 24, 2004.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marianne Abely".

Marianne Abely
Attorney

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